Entertainment Extra by Evelyn

Q. Was is actress Ash Sothern? Does she have any plans on retreating to the acting scene? Richard T.

A. Ms. Sothern, now 75, has retired from acting and is living in Sun Valley, Idaho. However, Ash is keeping very busy as she is a very accomplished painter. In fact, she recently had her first exhibition in Hollywood. The event displayed over 50 of Ash's original works.

Q. I am still to this day a very big fan of the late John Lennon. I was wondering if there are any special events being planned for next October when John would have turned 50 years old? Dorothy D.

A. Yes, Cynthia Lennon, first wife of John Lennon, recently met with Willy Brandt, former Chancellor of West Germany, to discuss his participation at ex-hon, with Cynthia Lennon, of the upcoming tribute to the ex Beatle. The event, entitled "Come Together," will incorporate various art forms, including music and dance. Proceeds for the event will be distributed through the Trust for the Children of the Tri-Millenium. Taking place on October 9 in Berlin, the date would have been John's 50th birthday.

Q. Now that "LA. Law's" Harry Hamlin is single, whom is he dating these days. And is it true that his divorce from Laura Johnson was a bitter one? Susan M.

A. Point of all, Hamlin and ex "Falcon Crest" star Laura Johnson had a very private and smooth divorce — which Johnson thanked the actor for his discretion, as for the dating game, Hamlin's number one girl these days is actress Nicolette Sheridan, who stars on "Knots Landing," which competes on the same night and time as Hamlin's "L.A. Law."

Q. Was Jack Benny really a talented violinist? Rachael C.

A. Jack was not the busy violinist he portrayed. In fact, he probably could have gone professional if he so desired. At parties, Benny loved to talk to anyone in detail about music and often beautifully performed.

Q. Is Polly Bergen going to divorce her current attorney husband? William D.

A. I am not at liberty to say divorce, but I can tell you that the couple did separate in April. Polly and Jeff Enderwell have been married for six years.

Q. Does Vanna White ever get tired of being referred to as a mindless bimbo? Scott T.

A. Vanna is far from being a mindless bimbo, so when hurtful remarks get back to her, she just takes them in stride as part of her being a famous celebrity. Vanna revealed that she is very grateful for her job as a "letter turner" and counts her blessings every day, because one day you're famous, but the next day, it can be taken away from you. Those who know Vanna, find her charming, polite, funny, talented and extremely intelligent.

Q. Is it true that Eddie Murphy has fathered a child out of wedlock? Patricia H.

A. Yes. Eddie has a five-month-old daughter named Bria, of whom he is very. In addition, Eddie spends time with the child, and is a very good dad.

DEAR DIANE
by Diane Van Arsdale

DEAR DIANE:

When Father's Day passed recently, I was very sad. I'm a 35-year-old woman, and I never knew my biological father. No, I'm not adopted. I was simply abandoned along with an older sister). Despite what my mother has told me about my father and their marriage over the years, I could never really understand what would make a man just walk away from his two children, not even caring to what would happen to us. Needless to say, he never sent a penny to my mother for us. Fortunately, she was able to raise us without his help. While we never had much money, she made sure we had the tools with which to build our own lives, namely, an excellent education. We also learned to rely entirely on ourselves — a good thing for women nowadays!

I guess what I'm trying to say in this letter is for fathers everywhere. Before you take a walk from your children and your responsibilities, think long and hard about the permanent pain you'll be causing, and the absolute hell your children will go through. If you can live with that, fine. I can only say, your day will come.

PROFOUNDLY SAD

DEAR SAD:

There are so many children abandoned by their parents, either mother or father, that I often wonder why those people ever had children in the first place. Over the course of the years of writing this column, I have wished many times that there were strict legal requirements to be met before people could have children. After all, this is true of adoption. Why not make it so for fertile people.

Of course, that is ridiculous to contemplate, given the constitutional freedoms we are guaranteed in this country, but sometimes I think it would be great!

You've made quite a good point today. If it hits home with only a few people, it will have been worth the pain it cost you to write your letter

Top 10 Movies

1. **Dick Tracy** starring Warren Beatty
2. **Total Recall** Arnold Schwarzenegger
3. **Another 48 Hours** Eddie Murphy
4. **Back to the Future III** Michael J. Fox
5. **Gremlins 2** Phoebe Cates
6. **Bird On A Wire** Mel Gibson
7. **Cadillac Man** Robin Williams
8. **Betsy's Wedding** Alan Alda
9. **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**
10. **Five Birds**

Q. I was told that Lisa Minnelli canceled her appearance in Atlantic City after Sammy Davis died. Were they really such good friends? Also, is there any truth to the rumor that she'll make a movie with Frank Sinatra? Anne B.

A. Lisa was devoted to Sammy who was one of her godfathers. She canceled an appearance at Carnegie Hall when she learned he had only hours to live, and she canceled several dates afterward because she was grief stricken.

There's been talk that Lisa may team with Sinatra for a new round of personal appearances, but so far, it's all been just that — talk. No mention of a movie.

Q. I read that Mark Gastineau is going back into professional football. Does that mean he's breaking up with Brigitte Nielsen? Manny F.

A. I don't get the logic of your question. Yes, Gastineau has signed to join a pro team, but not in the NFL, however, that doesn't mean he and Brigitte should split. If they do break up, the cause can be anything, not necessarily his decision to get up for the gridiron again.

Q. Did Jerry Hall move out on Mick Jagger after learning about his fling with a German girl recently? What is the status of their relationship now that David Bowie's ex-wife said he and Mick were once lovers? Dianna J.

A. Jerry reportedly packed up her two children and left the Jagger's London townhouse after hearing of Mick's alleged romp with a Teutonic charmer. But she went no farther than a friend's country estate, maybe just to shop, being pestered by the press about Mick's German encounters. According to all sources we know, Jagger and Hall are still together. The bed story notwithstanding.

Q. My mother says Jackie Kennedy Onassis can't take communion because she married Ari Onassis (a divorced man) without a dispensation. Is that true? Evie K.

A. The only statement I can find from a church prelate relating to Jackie's marriage came from Boston's Cardinal Cushing who said, when he learned about her marriage plans, that Jackie suffered a great deal and was entitled to find happiness.

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DEAR DEX
by Dexter Dyer

DEAR DEX:

I don't usually write letters to columnists, but I'm having such a hard time with my girlfriend, I was desperate for some help.

I'm 29, and she is 26. We've been going together for three years. For the past year or so, she has been very insistent upon me making more of a commitment to the relationship. I know what she means marriage. However, I feel everything is just fine the way it is, and I don't see the need for marriage. She claims that if a relationship doesn't progress (meaning toward the altar), it stagnates and dies. I can't understand why she just can't relax and have fun. Quite frankly, this thing has become such an issue between us, we're not having much fun anymore. How can I convince her that she's wrong?

BADGERED

DEAR BADGERED:

I'm sorry, but I have to side with your girlfriend on this one. When two people are in a relationship, they love each other and they share with each other. Ultimately, that sharing and need for same should culminate in a solid commitment to the relationship. For most, it is marriage. For others, it is living together. In either case, the couple agrees on mutual goals and works toward them. It sounds to me as if you have no such thing in mind. Your interest to "having fun" sounds a bit immature. You're missing the point that a true giving, loving relationship IS fun, but fun in a mature, fulfilling way. Since you haven't yet reached that stage, do your girlfriend a favor and break this off.

Send letters to Diane c/o King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Top 10 Singles

1. **New Kids On The Block** "Step By Step," (Columbia) Last Week: No. 1
2. **Phil Collins** "Do You Remember?" (Atlantic) No. 3
3. **Tie Vagabond** "Hold On," (Atlantic) No. 4
4. **Taylor Dayne** 'I'll Be Your Shelter," (Arista) No. 5
5. **Glenn Medeiros/Bobby Brown** "She Ain't Worth It," (MCA) No. 9
6. **Richard Marx** "Children of the Night," (EMI) No. 6
7. **Jade Cole** "Baby, It's Tonight," (Reprise) No. 7
8. **Johnny Gill** "Run You The Right Way" (Motown) No. 8
9. **Billy Idol** "Cradle of Love," (Chrysalis) No. 10
10. **Snap** "The Power," (Arista) No. 15

YOUR HOROSCOPE
by Charles King Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Loud visits have romantic overtones. A talk with a close friend brings happiness. Finger creative work. Watch temper after dark. Job promotion is assured. Improve work home. Shopping trips lead to major home purchases. Guard against domestic accidents.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're versatile and multi-talented. Now's the time to capitalize on your unique potential. Be careful when driving after dark. You'll have success in completing unfinished tasks. Home life is happy, but don't argue about money if going out on the town.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll experience happy times with friends now. Group activities are favored. Toward midweek, a domestic flare-up is possible. Meetings with higher-ups are favored. Career progress makes you happy. Seek ways to improve income. Don't take risks after dark.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Sign up for courses. Join friends at a cultural event, but steer clear of money arguments. Expect good news from a distance. You'll find ways to improve overall security now. Business affairs will prosper if you are sure to avoid taking unnecessary chances.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Social life leads to important introductions and possibly romance. Expect happy times with close ties, but care is needed in travel. Career efforts pay off. Job-hunters have luck. Your work ideas excite you, but don't take chances with capital. Don't overextend credit.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Travel and romance combine pleasurably. Avoid hasty career decisions. Enjoy hobbies and creative works. Plans may be changed after dark. You'll make major decisions about household improvements or residence changes. Family gifts bring joy.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) After a talk with a friend, you'll grow in self-confidence. Romance is highlighted. Unexpected expenses may upset your domestic finesy may upset your domestic finesse. Clarify work obligations. Creative times should help improve income. Minor illness is unfavorable.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Short hobbies and hobby-type activities are for now. Intellectual pursuits stimulate. You get opportunities to develop your skills. Be sure to check your math carefully. Love evenings should be a matter of celebration or others. A date may be cancelled.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're showered with perceptive, flattering compliments. You may be surprised by a gift. Romance may be deepened. Privacy will be interrupted. You're showered by glamour now. Make important career decisions. The romances of professional others could be a hindrance.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Clarify your objectives. You'll be able to further personal interests. Be sure you avoid thrill-seeking. A career opportunity is in the offing. Your ideas are accepted by powers of observation. Work and study and hard mental work are favored. A delicate situation could arise regarding a money matter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Power-play develops between you and a group member. You'll meet someone attractive in the public arena. Curtail extravagance in the evenings. You're able to circumvent advantage of a tense career situation affecting your career. Whether or not to socialize is the question after dark.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're inquisitive and intuitive and ably curious. Find an outlet for appeals so you seem well-rounded. Romantic joy or health will affect others socially. Your personal sparkle You'll revise your investment portfolio. Talk with close ties about job and financial ventures. Don't mix business and pleasure.

Coupon Corner
by Rose Lynn

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King Crossword

ACROSS
1. Restaurant order
6. Station or rank
11. Along in years
12. Langlish
13. Part of the foot
14. Check the advance of
15. Race track character
16. Great quantity
18. Lauchester City in
19. Bardic "yes"
21. Colloidal substance
23. Afflerbo's queen
26. Slugger's wood
27. Kind of light
28. Street urchin
30. Epitome
32. Gasconade
33. Pertorse Indian
35. Talk
36. Barbie
40. Meander
41. Gentle fancier
42. Oratorio melody
43. Scottish island
44. Football players

DOWN
1. A one
2. Earlade
3. Protagonist of T Down
4. Kind of band
5. City in Nevada
6. Come to pase
7. Battle site of June 25, 1876
8. Pub offering
9. Sleepy affirmative
11. See 3 Down
17. 3 Down, to 21 Down
19. Gaelic John
20. Worker —
21. Male fowl
23. Noon or Brent
25. Swiss river
26. Meredith of Gordon
31. Jewel
34. Bull (Pr.)
36. Allies
37. The real sickling
38. Middle
39. Indian weight

Home hints

LIBRARY LIST — I am the mother of two pre-schoolers who are frequent visitors to the local library. I came up with the idea to make a list of all the books (listing by the author's name) we bring home.

This makes it interesting to see how many books we've read in a month's time, and it's also helpful when the time comes to return the books. We can check the list to be sure we are not leaving any behind. Jeannie B., Rochester, N.H.

RECIPE FILE — I cut out recipes from magazines and copy others from books. I recently rewrote all of them on colored index cards. I used the different colored cards for each food category: green cards for vegetables, white for meat and blue for desserts.

This sure made finding recipes much easier, and it makes me feel that I'm more organized. Iola G., Dalton, Ga.

COOKING TIP — Once a week, I get out my food processor and save money by cooking up a storm.

First, I chop bread crumbs (dry freeze well), then I grate Parmesan cheese, chop it and store it in a glass jar. It tastes so much better than the processed kind and is MUCH LESS.

Next, I grate cheddar cheese and store it in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. Next, I'll chop parsley and then onions. Then I wash and dry my processor and put it back in its place.

I've saved money by doing the work myself, and I have the real thing rather than dried or imitation. Wilma R., Salt Lake City, Utah

DIET TIP — When I was on a diet, I found mid-afternoon a great challenge because I would be hungry and ready to eat any and everything.

To solve this problem, I cut up some carrots and cucumbers and place them in a bowl. I add a few ice cubes to keep them cool and crisp, and when I have a snack attack, I nibble on these nutritious snacks. It sure has helped me, and the other women in the office appreciate it as well. We even take turns bringing the veggies. Each person has a favorite, so we get a wide range throughout the week. Andrea M., Woodbridge, Va.

Banter About Bridge

BIDDING QUIZ
You are South and the bidding has gone:

West	North	East
Pass	2 NT	Pass
Pass	3 NT	Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?
1. ♠ A ♡ AKQ95 ◇ AQJ8 ♣ A 5
2. ♠ 10 ♡ AK95 ◇ AKJ7 ♣ AK6
3. ♠ AK ♡ KQJ4 ◇ AKQJ6 ♣ 2
4. ♠ AK ♡ AK12 ◇ KQJ103 ♣ AK

Answers:

1. Four hearts. After your first two bids, North probably assumed you had five or six diamonds and four hearts. By bidding four hearts, you indicate a five-card heart suit, since it would make no sense to rebid an unsupported four-card suit.

At the same time, the heart rebid identifies the hand as unbalanced. This is because if your two suits were equal in length, you would have opened the bidding with two hearts, not two diamonds.

Although your hand is very promising for slam purposes, you cannot safely bid more than four hearts. The impetus must come from your partner, whose responses so far have been very discouraging.

2. Pass. It's dangerous (and also unpleasant) to pass with a singleton spade, but it would be even more dangerous to bid again. Since North seems unable to support either of your suits, he probably has sufficient length or strength in spades to stop the opponents from taking the first five tricks. Your best shot is to rely on nine tricks in notrump — and you have them right in the palm of your hand.

3. Five diamonds. You can't risk notrump with this hand — there are only eight quick tricks — so you are obliged to try for game. You are better advised to try for game in diamonds. North can't have four hearts or he would have supported the suit, so you'll find diamonds. Theoretically all you need from partner is the ten of hearts.

The alternative bid is four diamonds, but many players don't trust a forcing 1 NT response. Often North is permitted to pass.

Your principal hope is that North has the queen of hearts and will give that card due weight in deciding whether or not to bid again. He can easily reason that the best queen to work with is the queen of spades.

Next week: Playing the percentages.

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Antiques and Collecting
by Ralph & Terry Kovel

NUTS TO YOU

Victorian plated silver, out of fashion since the 1950s, began to interest a few collectors in the early 1980s. Now it has gone up in price and interest, and can be found in the larger auctions and antiques shops. Collectors search for very elaborate, very eclectic pieces. The strange types of decorations and the odder combinations of design periods are the most popular. Soup tureens with cow-shaped handles, nut bowls covered like nuts or trees with squirrel realistic squirrel figures as decorations, even the multiple-figured epergnes with cupids and dragons and semi-clothed figures of maidens are all high-priced.

Surprisingly, few of the ornate silver-plated pieces survived the years of neglect and disfavor. The soft britannia metal beneath the thin coating of silver was easily damaged and difficult to repair. Perhaps today's prices reflect the dwindling supply. Look for silver oddities in the storage areas at your grandmother's house. They may have been put away and forgotten.

NOTE: Hanging are back! Inexpensive costume jewelry counterfeits are featuring hat or shawl pins. They are six-inch-long pins with large beaded heads.

Q. My dish is marked with the name "Denton Park." It has a floral and white picture of a building, trees and deer on it. Can you tell who made it?

A. Your dish is one of a set made in England by Ridgway, Bedford & Clarke during the 19th century. Many transfer-printed blue and white designs were used. It is often difficult to identify the maker, but a new book, "The Dictionary of Blue and White Printed Pottery, 1780-1880" by A. W. Coysh and R.K. Henrywood (Antique Collectors' Club, 5 Church St., Woodbridge, Suffolk IP 12 IDS, England, $40.50), solves this problem. Hundreds of patterns are identified.

Q. Twenty years ago my cousin were given an old china doll marked "Emmett Kelly, Willy the Clown, Exclusive Licensee, Baby Barry Toy, New York City." How old is it?

A. The product advertised is called "Peel Away." This system designed for the complete removal of accumulated layers of paint coating in a single application.

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Soap Updates by Seli Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN. Tom and Barbara were frantic as they awaited news about Molly's attempt to flush Jessie told Ted they were through. Billy Clyde ignored Donna's plea not to tell her because of what would happen to Emily. He arranged for Cecile to look like a suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning, but she was saved just in time. Emily tried to get Betsy to admit he's not her father, but failed. Through shut, Donna refused to attend the marriage. After learning Jack was on the rebound, Cara showed definite interest in him. **Wait To See:** A secret is forced out into the open.

ANOTHER WORLD: Donna and Jake switched tapes at the last minute, but she told him their partnership was over. Mary planned mayhem for John. Matt fought Josie's obsessive fan. Ken and Rachel tried to find Maria in San Cristobal. Vicky caught Paulina trying to reach Eric and wondered what their connection was. Stacey learned Lucas has a copy of the incriminating tape. Brady promised to be Sharlene so she could go to Franklin's wedding. **Wait To See:** Shady's plan turns more devastating than she expected.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Holden told Lily he and Angel were having problems. Barbara was shocked to see Brian. Julie found Gail's gold pin under Tom's pillow. Margo and Colin heard she was released from the "body" of Madeline Lord on the stairs. After reading his inflammatory articles charged with murder, Margo decided to face Cory Wallace without having Jessica present. Caleb warned Holden not to hurt Lily. **Wait To See:** Lucinda may have outsmarted herself on the Lombard case.

GUIDING LIGHT: Sam and Dylan faced their last moments together until Sam's 18th birthday. Rose proposed to Holly. Reva told Josh she wanted to resume a physical relationship with him and promised she'll never leave him again. Later, Reva became dizzy and collapsed on the beach. Roger promised Blake he'll help her deal with Alan Michael's kidnapping. Lisa demanded that Philip's bail be revoked. Beth felt the baby move for the first time. **Wait To See:** Roger is perplexed by Holly's moves on him, and Josh gets startling news.

KNOTS LANDING: On hiatus

LOVING: Rick shot Denny to death. Paul was unable to get his gambling license, but saw a way out of his problems when he learned Ava's Uncle Harry has one. Norma threatened Rick's life when he said he'd give Heather back on her mother in a drugged state caused by sedatives. Stacey put a loaded gun to her leg. As she confronted a drunk Rick to demand he return Heather, he fell to the floor, unconscious. Jack and Alex found Rick dead at the lodge. Ava and Paul kissed, but she told him he's not financially well off enough for her to date him. **Wait To See:** Rick's death throws suspicion on Stacey who is unable to defend herself.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Music City Productions' Bow group they stumbled into the syndicate drug running. He pretended to be Frank Whitehead, chief of the Texas region. Charlotte told Johnny she'll seduce him so he'll give a son who will inherit the power of the stone. Derek insisted he would no longer be a threat to Mason. Hoyt learned Robert was investigating the orphanage's financial situation. Kelly had a flash of jealousy when she saw Robert talking to Debra Parker, also known as Flame. Lionel went into the Capwell home to check the paintings, unaware that the "blind" Gina was every move he made. **Wait To See:** The Pasha comes up with a plan that even Cruz may not be able to refute.

YOUNG & THE RESTLESS: Brought out the phone lines so the broadcast booth leaving Leanna free to make her statement about Jabot. The Jabot board's public apology for her behavior left them with egg on their faces when they learned the reaction was in her favor. Kay and Brock tracked down Troy, the father of Esther's unborn child, who insisted he didn't remember her. David received a package with a wedding picture of himself and Nina, perplexed by Holly's moves on him, and Josh gets startling news.

DALLAS: On hiatus

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Shane and Patch learned Ernesto was still alive and planned to kill everyone who had been aboard the Loretta. Adrienne was kidnapped, then rathar have been a politician. Indeed, her ongoing work encompasses "the support of only one decade (the 1845-55 and after his death Bingham's drawings and canvases were lost to view. It wasn't until the 1930s that his renderings in oil of "The Jolly Flatboatmen," "Fur Traders Descending the Missouri," "The County Election," "Stump Speaking," "The Emigration of Daniel Boone," and other depictions mirror-imaging the West as Bingham knew it again came to light. His detailed studies of the boisterous-ness of frontier electioneering alone highlight the value and authenticity of his art.

Paint & Household
By Bob D'Angelo

Q. I enjoy your writing on paint and household problems.

I wonder if you can help with a problem I have keeping the bronze plaque my brother gave me clean. I've had it refinished, but it doesn't last. There must be something I can do that will keep it looking like new.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give me. F.S.

A. I'm sure that anyone who has ever been in the military will say the same thing I'm about to say. BRASSO! I was in the Military Police, and brass and boots had to reflect the sergeant's face, or it was back to the brasso.

I still use it to keep my praying hands medal shiny and bright. Try rubbing some on with a soft cloth as something else may be too abrasive. Whenever we paint the interior or exterior of a house, we clean the hardware. What I will do is put the doorknob into my hand (still by the shank), put a few drops of brasso on it, then run the drill into a clean cloth. The results are amazing. One of my customers went so far as to say it was a genius. I guess she knows what she's talking about.

Q. I have a brick fireplace that was painted white. Can you help me in what I can do to remove the paint. I saw an advertisement for a sheet you put on and leave on, then when you remove it, all the paint comes off. Can you please recommend something? E.F.

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Books
by Ralph Hollenbeck

GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM, by Michael Edward Shapiro and Peter Hassrick. Rizzoli, Elizabeth Johns, Paul C. Nagel and John Wilmerding (Abrams: $67.50).

The American West began at the Atlantic shoreline. It was there, in Florida and the lost colony of Roanoke in North Carolina, that the French artist Jacques Le Moyne and English adventurer John White first depicted the American land and its people. As the frontier moved on, so did such chroniclers as Audubon, Catlin, Bodmer, Remington and scores of others. High in that group would rank George Caleb Bingham, the Missouri artist, of whom the authors state: "Few visions of America have become so completely the incarnation of our history as Bingham's."

Ironically, Bingham (1811-79) was ambivalent about his art and would

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